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Virtual reality

Simulator offers interactive convoy training

By KRIS GONZALEZ
Fort Jackson Leader

This is the year of the avatar.

That's according to some of Fort Jackson's premier simulation trainers, who say that just like James Cameron's blockbuster film smashed its box-office competitors on the big screen, some of the Army's newest Soldiers will learn to annihilate U.S. enemies via training they get on small screens.

Soldiers who rotate through the 187th Ordnance Battalion Advanced Individual Training, the Soldier Support Institute NCO Academy and Basic Officers Leadership

Course now have the opportunity to master basic as well as some advanced combat skills using Army's most modern virtual technology on their laptops.

Using the Virtual Battlespace 2, or VBS2, a fully interactive, three-dimensional computer system resembling the modern-day video game, Soldiers train in virtual synthetic environments that mirror real world situations typically faced by Soldiers deployed in areas such as Iraq or Afghanistan.

"Virtual Battlespace 2 allows Soldiers to conduct operations in a virtual environment using different weapons systems and unit SOPs, with no overhead, no costs, no possi-

bility of getting hurt or getting equipment damaged," said James McCartney, VBS2 instructor for the Soldier Support Institute Battle Command Training Facility.

"Soldiers can train on everything from mounted to dismounted operations, call for fire, terrain navigation, language skills — various operations," McCartney said. "They're only limited by their imaginations."

Fielded here at Fort Jackson by the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization about 15 months ago, the VBS2 is currently being used to teach proper convoy

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Strong beginning



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Students of Fort Jackson's Strong Beginnings program are all smiles after becoming the program's first graduating class Friday at the Main Post Chapel. See story on Page 4.

Memorial Day time to remember fallen

Memorial Day weekend is once again upon us. The holiday weekend has become synonymous with the start of summer for many Americans and a great time to hunt for bargains, trade in that old car for a new one, or shop for that television, appliance or other big-ticket item.

But, when we separate the holiday from the sales and summer hubbub, we realize that Memorial Day is something that is meant to be solemn. We see that Memorial Day really has nothing to do with the big barbecues, bargains and backyard parties. Granted, there are many of you who have some fun things planned for the weekend, and to that end, I hope that you have a great time and practice summer safety.

But I also hope that when Monday rolls around, you refocus and remember the original thought behind the creation of this very special day — to set a day aside so that we could remember and honor our patriotic dead. And that's something we dare not forget, especially those of us in uniform. Since the creation of this great democracy, more than a million of our brothers and sisters have paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can continue to live free.

On this Memorial Day, America finds itself engulfed in conflict. Nearly nine years after 9-11, we continue to

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advance the fight downrange to protect those freedoms that those who have gone before us protected. Consider that roughly 87,000 Americans are deployed right now in Afghanistan alone, where the fight is proving to be very challenging. It takes courage, sacrifice and selfless service to man the front lines of democracy, especially over an extended period of time.

There have been casualties, and, unfortunately, there will be more. In war, casualties are unavoidable. We accept the fact that they will occur. But that does not mean that they do not affect us all — because they do. Any time there is a casualty, it affects me. It affects all leaders, as well as all Soldiers, their spouses, children and families.

The Fort Jackson family always has its thoughts and

its prayers focused on our deployed Army family members who are in harm's way.

We must remember that combat operations are never easy. Yet as American Soldiers, we have taken an oath to defend America against the many dangers that threaten our way of life.

On this Memorial Day, and on each one after this one, let's not forget to remember and say a prayer for our fallen comrades and fallen predecessors as well, who have successfully defended our country and our way of life. Those who have lost their lives had taken that oath as well, and we need to remember that they were doing what their country expected of them.

At post headquarters, we will be observing Memorial Day beginning at 9 a.m. Monday. The flag will be flown at half-staff following Reveille until the beginning of our ceremony. The observance will include a historical review of the holiday, placing of the wreaths, a 21-gun salute, prayers and comments.

I am hoping that many of you will be able to join us. If not, I am hoping you will make time to remember our fallen brethren in your hearts and in your prayers. If we do continue to do this, we assure ourselves that Memorial Day never becomes a casualty itself.

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Ask the garrison commander about:

Receiving absentee ballots

What happens if I do not receive a ballot from my local election office?

If you request an absentee ballot but have not received one close to Election Day, you may still be



allowed to vote using the back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. In order to be eligible to use this back-up ballot, you must:

(1) Be absent from your voting residence; (2) Have applied for a regular ballot early enough so the request is received by the appropriate local election official not later than the state deadline; or the date that is 30 days before the general election; (3) Have not received the requested regular absentee ballot from the state. For more information, contact the unit voting assistance officer.

Where can I get a back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot?

Hard copies of the back-up FWAB are available through your UVAO. An outline version is also available, which must be completed, printed, signed, dated and mailed to the voter's local election official. Check out state instructions to determine any state-specific instructions, witness/notary requirements for voted ballots, deadlines and mailing addresses. Contact the UVAO for guidance and assistance.

COL. LILLIAN A. DIXON

*Fort Jackson
Garrison
Commander*



I have noticed that there are several ponds on Fort Jackson. My son loves to fish. Are there any events coming up where he can go out and fish with other kids?

On June 5, MWR Outdoor Recreation and the Child, Youth and School Services Edge! program will host a Youth Fishing Derby at Semmes Lake on the corner of Marion Ave and Semmes Road from 8-11 a.m. All participants must be registered. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. that day. This event is free and open to ID card holder dependent children through age 15.

FACT OF THE WEEK

Visit Marion Street Station, 4522 Marion Ave., for any necessary fishing licenses and supplies. Marion Street Station has state and post fishing licenses, as well as bait and some fishing tackle. Boats are also available for rental, and may be used on larger lakes, such as Lake Murray.

To submit questions for the "Ask the Garrison Commander," e-mail scott.nahrwold@us.army.mil.

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Museum scheduled to reopen this fall

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
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The Fort Jackson Post Museum closed its doors about a year ago for remodeling and redesignation as the U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Museum. Since then, the building has been totally renovated, including the installation of new bathrooms and a new roof. In addition, a new collections facility was built adjacent to the main building.

Bessie Williams, the museum's director, said she had hoped that the facility would be open by now, but that construction delays changed the project timeline.

"There were certain issues that came up that weren't expected, so that pushed things back," she said.

Williams said that the museum being closed has left a void in the community, especially on family days, when visitors' numbers average between 800 and 1,000.

"We are packed when we're open on family day," Williams said. "I just hate seeing those folks out there and not being able to come into my facility."

Currently, the museum is scheduled to reopen in October or November.

"We are really shooting for that, because



Photo by *SUSANNE KAPPLER*

The former Post Museum is set to reopen as the U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Museum this fall after undergoing extensive renovations.

it is way time for this museum to be back open to the public, and we want (everyone) to see that it was well worth the wait," she said.

With its redesignation, the museum will have a different focus once it reopens. In the past, the exhibits highlighted the history of

Fort Jackson, beginning with the post's opening as Camp Jackson in 1917. Upon its reopening, the museum will concentrate strictly on basic training throughout the years.

Julie Wiegand, museum technician, ex-

plained that 15 topics, such as land navigation, physical training and weapons training, will be highlighted in each of the museum's four galleries. The galleries will focus on different time periods — World War I, World War II, the Cold War era and the present.

"We're trying to show that with all the progress we've made, the level of training got better, but (the mission) is basically the same," Williams said.

She added that more emphasis will be placed on explaining artifacts by using text panels, graphics and information kiosks.

"It's going to be totally different," she said. "We're going to bring more technology into it."

Wiegand said she hopes that Soldiers from different generations will be able to identify with the new exhibit.

"I'm happy that we're finally going to bring this back up and running, because training is unifying for Soldiers past, present and future," Wiegand said. "Everybody has to go through training. They can all relate to that. Not everybody goes to combat. Not everybody spends a couple of years in Germany, but everybody has to go through training."

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Rap session



Photos by *SUSANNE KAPPLER*

Above, Soldiers take photos of rapper Plies Monday at the Main PX. More than 350 people showed up to catch a glimpse of the musician, who visited Fort Jackson to promote his latest CD. Right, Plies signs a copy of his CD for Dominique Hilton. Some fans waited in line for more than two hours for the rapper.

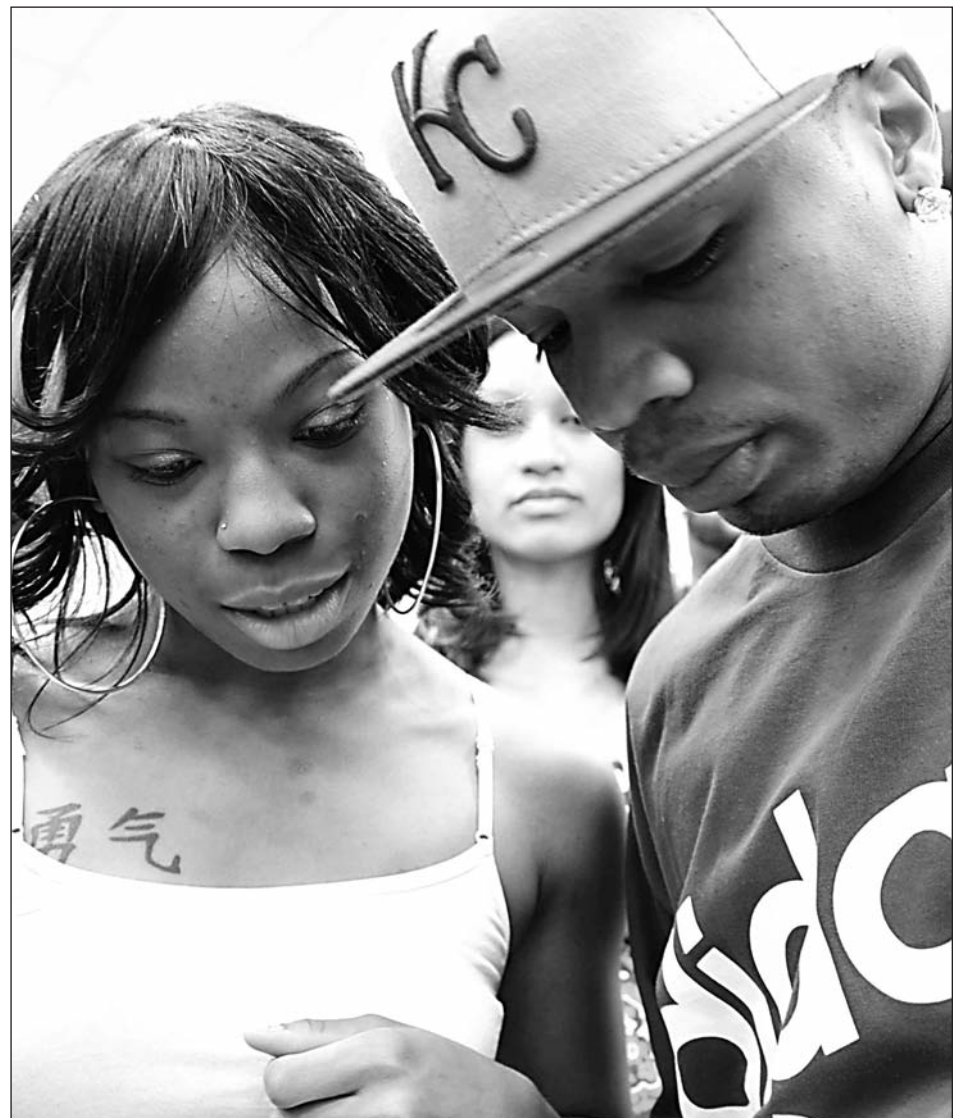




Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Cheyenne Norman, 4, receives her Strong Beginnings graduation diploma from lead teacher Debra Asberry Friday at the Main Post Chapel. Cheyanne was one of 40 preschoolers in the program.

Program prepares children for kindergarten, school, life

By KRIS GONZALEZ
Fort Jackson Leader

It was a bittersweet moment for Heather Norman and her husband, 1st Sgt. Christopher Norman, as they watched their little girl don her cap and gown last Friday.

Mom wiped away tears, and Dad took photos as their daughter received her diploma and flipped her tassel before marching down the aisle of the Main Post Chapel to the traditional tune of “Pomp and Circumstance.”

Though most graduations mark the end of a long educational road, this commencement served as a rite of passage for their daughter, Cheyanne, who at 4 years old, is just beginning her academic career.

“It makes me proud,” Norman said of her “baby.” “But it also makes me sad because she’s growing up.”

Cheyenne, was one among 46 preschoolers who celebrated being the first graduating class of Fort Jackson’s Strong Beginnings, a program that bridges preschool and kindergarten — preparing youngsters for their future ventures in elementary school.

This new Armywide preparatory class, instructed by certified Child, Youth and School Services staff, is offered to children who will be 4 by Sept. 1 and are eligible to enroll in kindergarten the following school year.

It’s based on The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, which brings science and technology into the classroom, as well as language arts, math and more.

Instructor Paulette Keith said the curriculum helps tykes learn letter sounds, how to spell words and get a head start on reading. The students even learn Spanish and work on computers.

“Once upon a time, children would go to kindergarten barely knowing their ABCs,” Keith said. “Now we have children here who can work a computer better than me.

“The world is changing, so we’re trying to prepare our children for those changes,” she said.

Keith, who has worked at Fort Jackson’s child development center for 24 years, said she and her fellow Strong Beginnings instructors are teaching things similar to what they have always taught, just in different ways and under a more structured program.

“Now we can use dittos, much like teachers use in kindergarten,” Keith said. “Before we couldn’t use a reward system. Now we can use things like stickers as incentives. And you know with children, all you have to do is say ‘sticker,’ and they’re on it.”

The curriculum allows for more teaching methods to be used to help make these young scholars more self-sufficient in and out of the classroom, she said.

“Some of these children have never learned how to catch a ball,” she said. “For a lot of children, when they don’t know how to catch or throw a ball, they start to feel inferior. Now we prepare them for simple things like how to throw a ball or how to catch a ball, running bases, even obstacle courses.”

Lead instructor Debra Asberry said the most important aspect of the program is that the children are taught basic social skills, which will help them adapt quicker and easier to their new school environments when they enter kindergarten in the fall.

“Now they’ve been exposed to kindergarten etiquette,” Asberry said. “They’re used to sitting quietly, raising hands and walking down the halls in straight lines.

“It’s amazing how far they’ve come,” she said. “They’ve worked so hard.”

The new graduates will participate in a summer boot camp at C.C. Pinckney Annex starting next week, where Asberry said they will become more familiar with the routines of elementary school, such as carrying trays and riding the bus to school.

For more information about the Strong Beginnings program, contact CYSS at 751-4865.

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DoD admonishes: Don’t be That Guy

From www.thatguy.com

So, who is That Guy? Each night he’s on display somewhere, but makes his most frequent appearances on the weekends. He’s a regular guy, but when he’s had a few too many drinks, it shows. That Guy loses control, and he may not remember it in the morning. That Guy applies to anyone who, because of excessive drinking, behaves in a manner that others do not want to emulate or be around. In fact, women can be That Guy too.

Society sends mixed signals to That Guy. He’s just letting off some steam after a hard day or week, right? Sometimes his friends and strangers encourage his behavior. Maybe, in the moment, he feels like he’s funny or popular. Sometimes he’s the life of the party.

But is the crowd at the party, in the bar, or on the town laughing with him or at him? Are people cutting their eyes to the floor when he rambles on? Are they finding excuses to move elsewhere in the room? Is he embarrassing himself and others?

When we see him in action, or see the consequences he faces, he’s a reminder to all of us: “Don’t let me be That Guy.” The day after, when everyone’s talking about his antics, we’re so glad we weren’t That Guy. If we become That Guy on occasion, we regret it. If we’re That Guy all the time, we need help. But the truth is, no one wants to be That Guy.

That Guy is a multi-media campaign that uses online and offline communication with the goal of reducing excessive drinking among young servicemen. The campaign encourages young enlisted personnel to reject binge drinking because it detracts from the things they care about: family, friends, dating, sex, money, and reputation. The campaign uses humor to deliver a serious message and provides viral tools so you can be part of the effort to eradicate That Guy. The campaign is a reminder to everyone: Don’t be That Guy!

That Guy is funded by the Department of Defense.

That Guy.com

REASON #994 NOT TO BE THAT GUY:



Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATE

❑ An unveiling ceremony for Mabry Manor is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., June 9 at the intersection of Semmes and Pershing roads. This area of housing comprises newly constructed homes for general officers and other senior officers. The ceremony is a tribute to Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Gen. George L. Mabry Jr. Portions of Semmes Road will be closed for the event.

❑ A single Soldier town hall meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., June 21 at the Solomon Center. Installation representatives will be on hand to answer questions, resolve issues and assist single Soldiers where possible. Single Soldiers living on post are encouraged to attend.

❑ Nominations for the June Yard of the Month are due Friday. Nominations can be submitted by calling 738-8275 or via e-mail to cowilliams@bbcgrp.com. Judging takes place June 7.

❑ Residents are encouraged to conserve energy by turning off their porch and patio lights during the day.

❑ Vacation services for residents are now available. Services include plant watering inside and outside and pet care (for no more than two days). Balfour Beatty Communities can also retrieve mail and hold it at the Community Center. For more information, call 738-8275.

❑ Gift wrapping services are now available for residents at the Community Center. Residents can either use the gift wrapping station themselves or drop off the gift and have it wrapped by staff members. Wrapped gifts can be delivered to the home or picked up.

CMS Corner

The Customer Management System at Fort Jackson is a three-tiered feedback system established to determine the satisfaction of those who work, train, live and play on the installation.

CMS includes the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, Community FIRST/AFAP and Customer Service Assessments. This feedback enables the garrison to focus on specific actions aimed at improving customers' experiences of post services.

A complete list of Community FIRST issues can be found at <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/wellbeing.htm>. New issues may be submitted on the site as well, by clicking on "Submit an Issue or Recommendation" or on the Community FIRST/AFAP Logo.

Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups at the installation level or throughout the Army, feedback is important.

Become a friend of CMS on Facebook by logging on to www.facebook.com. Search for CMS Fort Jackson.

"Let your voice be heard!"

World No Tobacco Day

Anti-tobacco event set for Monday

From the Department of Defense

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Department of Defense is promoting the 23rd annual World No Tobacco Day, which coincides with Memorial Day, which is Monday.

WNTD, sponsored by the World Health Organization, raises awareness of the risks associated with tobacco use and urges people around the world to join together and give up tobacco.

The DoD campaign, Quit Tobacco-Make Everyone Proud, is endorsing WNTD and encouraging service men and women to join the global event. More information about the observance and links to innovative quit resources are available at <http://www.ucanquit2.org/facts/WNTD>.

"On May 31, service men and women can connect with others on their installations and around the world for two important causes — honoring fallen heroes and accepting the challenge to live a tobacco-free life," said Capt. David Arday, M.D., a U.S. Public Health Service officer, and chairman of the DoD Alcohol and Tobacco Advisory Committee.

Quitting tobacco can improve military service members' health and their ability to serve their country. QTMEP offers interactive support tools, such as customizable Quit Plans, text message reminders, and anonymous live-chatting with cessation coaches, to help men and women in the military claim their freedom from tobacco.

This year, WNTD is highlighting women's risks related to tobacco use. Research suggests that female tobacco users have a higher risk of cancers, cardiovascular disease, earlier menopause and infertility. Results of a Swiss study showed that

females may also be more vulnerable to the harmful carcinogens in tobacco and have an increased susceptibility to lung cancer compared to males.

A study on women entering the military found that those who smoked daily were more likely to have a less-than-honorable discharge and more demotions and desertions.

They also tend to be in lower pay grades and were less likely to re-enlist. DoD is encouraging service members to take advantage of WNTD, and unite in their efforts to quit tobacco and support those needing to quit.

"This Memorial Day, all men and women in the military should choose freedom from tobacco, and make the commitment to achieve or maintain that goal," Arday said.

Support and practical information on quitting tobacco is available at <http://www.ucanquit2.org>.

Sustainment visitors



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Anthony Bennett, left, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Soldier Support Institute training facility, welcomes newly selected sustainment battalion and brigade commanders.



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Workplace to adapt to 'Net Generation'

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The federal workplace has to adapt to a personnel issue that federal managers often ignore, the Defense Department's deputy chief information officer said recently.

During a phone interview, David M. Wennergren said the department must change to draw in employees who have not known a world without the Internet.

Two shifts are happening in the federal government, Wennergren said, and each reinforces the other.

First, he said, 971,000 federal employees will become eligible for retirement over the next few years. Second, he explained, is that the world is vastly different from the early days of technology in the federal workplace.

"The world has moved to the Web 2.0 vision of services available anywhere — the ability to move things through the cloud, to use mass collaboration for networking services and to bring speed and agility to the delivery of information capabilities," he said. "It's a radical set of changes moving us away from the old world, where the answer was always just to build big information technology systems."

"The Net Generation," as Wennergren called the rising pool of potential federal workers, sees information technologies as a given — like air or water. And unlike their parents, he said, they don't look at joining a company or agency and then staying with that job for life.

"They are our prime target for people coming into the work force — whether it's 18-year-olds coming into the military or 21-year-olds coming out of college to join the military or the federal work force," Wennergren said.

The "Baby Boom" generation is leaving government service. Even the youngest among them are retirement-eligible now, Wennergren said.

"The Net Generation will be taking leadership positions at a much younger age," he said. "So we think it is really important to understand what the work force issues really are. What are the norms and behaviors and priorities of this new work force? What kind of environment can we provide that will help them thrive?"

Then, he said, the federal government needs to use the tools available to attract, hire and retain these people. This must start now, he added, if the federal government is to succeed.

Federal managers, he said, need to look at the nature of

work and how to create leaders at a younger age. Other aspects include transforming the ratings system from a once-a-year rating to a more hands-on mentoring approach, he added.

The good news is that the Net Generation believes strongly in community service, Wennergren said.

"This is a generation that wants to serve and wants to make a difference," he said. "But they want to be at a place where they will have the tools and capabilities to get the job done."

The federal workplace must provide the type of environment that allows the new generation of tech-savvy government workers to use the capabilities they bring, Wennergren said. This includes providing systems "where people can get onto the network from anywhere, work from home, work on the road, (and) can use social media and instant messaging and chat (features)," he added.

Supervisors need to ask themselves if they are creating an environment that plays to the Net Generation's strengths.

"Are you helping them to grow and recognize that this is a place they can make a difference?" he asked. "That's the key."

Bringing the HEAT



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, chief of ordnance and commanding general of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, discusses the training benefits of the 187th Ordnance Battalion's Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer with battalion staff during Collyar's visit May 20 to the battalion's Field Training Exercise site.



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SSI pauses to emphasize safety

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
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Soldiers with the Soldier Support Institute got off to a running start last week, but were told to stand down for the rest of the day. Both the motivational run that started the day and the stand down from regular activities, were part of the SSI's safety day, which took place May 20 at Darby Field and at the post theater.

The event emphasized the importance of off-duty safety, said Robert Erhardt, the SSI's safety manager.

"Our off-duty safety, which is really what this is about, is so important because the Army loses almost three times more Soldiers in off-duty accidents compared to on duty," Erhardt said. "Ninety percent of our recordable accidents in the Soldier Support Institute last year were off-duty accidents. So, if we want to curb or reduce our accidents and our fatalities, it has to be off duty. On duty we're already pretty good."

On- and off-post organizations were at hand to inform the SSI's Soldiers, civilians and family members about car, boat, motorcycle and fire safety before the beginning of the summer travel and outdoor season.

One of the attractions throughout the day was the impaired driving course, which gave attendees the opportunity to safely experience how drinking alcohol or using drugs affects their driving. Drivers could choose between a pedal cart and a motorized go-kart. Drivers of the pedal cart were wearing blurry vision goggles to simulate the impact alcohol and drugs have on a person's vision. The motorized go-karts are equipped with a remote sensor that delays the reaction of the driver.

Pvt. Rishad Stone, Company B, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, said it was hard to drive the motorized go-kart.

"You can't really control it," Stone said.

"When you turn it, it might turn farther than you expect."

During one of the day's lighter moments, members of the Lake Murray flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary took the opportunity to enlist the help of Soldiers in an effort to set a world record.

At 11 a.m., safety day visitors, along with participants across the country, inflated life jackets as part of the National Safe Boating Council's Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Day.

Burnette Sheffield, flotilla staff officer and vessel examiner, said that life jackets are an invaluable aspect of boating safety.

"We're telling (boaters) that when they're on Lake Murray, we will help them if we can find them, and the best way for us to find them is for them to have a life jacket on," she said. "So we're really pressing using life jackets when boating or when ... on the lake."

Other safety day activities included motorcycle safety briefings, a rollover crash simulator, vehicle safety inspections and demonstrations by the Fort Jackson Fire Department and the Military Police K-9 unit.

Second Lt. Demoullh Dudley, Company A, Training Support Battalion, said the activities and briefings heightened his awareness about the importance of safety training.

"I didn't realize how many Soldiers are involved in vehicle accidents throughout the year," Dudley said.

He added that he plans to make safety an important aspect of his leadership philosophy throughout his Army career.

Dudley's plan is in line with one of the goals of the event.

"The goal is to instill a culture of safety in our future leaders and Soldiers who can then take it out to the rest of the Army," Erhardt said.

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Anita Jones, an SSI civilian employee, extinguishes a fire with help from Donald Moore, a firefighter with the Fort Jackson Fire Department.



Ben Colley, South Carolina Highway Patrol, operates a rollover crash simulator that demonstrates the importance of wearing safety belts.



Second Lt. Jacqwayne Griffin, a student at the Adjutant General School, maneuvers a pedal cart while wearing blurry vision goggles.

Celebrating diversity



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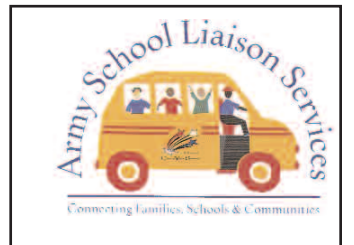
Above, Dea Wages and her first-grade class sing "Love in Any Language," the theme song for the 18th annual International Day celebration. Wage's class represented the country of Kenya in the International Day parade May 21 in front of Pierce Terrace Elementary School. Right, pre-kindergarten students represent the United States in the International Day parade. Below, Lianne Collins, aide for Wanda Beatty's kindergarten class, marches with her students as they represent the country of Mexico. Beatty's class initiated the day's opening ceremonies by performing a Mexican dance for a crowd of about 200 Fort Jackson community members who attended the events.



Schoolhouse notes

RICHLAND ONE:

- ☐ Friday: Last day of school.
- ☐ Friday: Elementary report cards issued.
- ☐ June 4: Middle/high school report cards mailed.



RICHLAND TWO

- ☐ Monday: Memorial Day holiday (no school).
- ☐ June 4: Last day of school/end of fourth nine weeks
- ☐ June 5: Teacher work day
- ☐ June 18: Final day for report cards to be mailed.

FORT JACKSON SCHOOLS

- ☐ Monday: Memorial Day holiday (no school).
- ☐ June 8: Last day of school (early dismissal).

FORT JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD

Fort Jackson's school board members for the 2010-2011 school year are: Sandra Green-Good, Lt. Col. Bryan Hernandez, David Rice, Michelle Riley, 1st Sgt. Arthur Burgoyne and Ann Gordon, school liaison officer, who is a non-voting member.

ESSAY CONTEST

Beyond Valor is accepting essays for its 2010 essay contest. The essay must address one or more of the ideals embodied in the Medal of Honor — courage, selflessness, sacrifice, responsible citizenship and patriotism. The contest is open to South Carolina middle and high school students. Essays are due by June 28. Visit <http://www.medalofhonorconvention.com/> for information.

OMK SUMMER CAMPS

Operation Military Kids is hosting several summer camps in South Carolina throughout the summer. Upcoming camps are as follows:

June 19: Family Water fun and facts, Otter Creek, Greenville.

June 25-July 1: Teen Voices Camp at Sea Mist, Myrtle Beach (ages 13-17).

July 9-11, Sustainability Camp at Camp Canaan, York (ages 8-12).

July 12-16: Camp Eagle (Entrepreneur Day Camp), Columbia; South Carolina Armory (ages 13-18).

July 21: Sustainability Camp at Dewees Island (ages 13-18).

Aug. 3: Family Water Fun and Facts at Discovery Island, Greenville.

Aug. 3-6: OMK Youth Leadership Camp at Pleasant Ridge Park, Cleveland (ages 9-12).

Aug. 14: Family Water Fun and Facts at 7th Inning Splash, Greenville.

Sept. 10-12: Family Resiliency Retreat at Spa Mist, Myrtle Beach.

Registration is necessary for all camps. For more information, visit www.sccyd4h.org/omkk or call (843) 722-5940, ext. 111 or 968-0388.

YOUTH BUSINESS CAMP

"Youths Minding Their Own Business" Escape at the Lake is scheduled for 8:30-11 a.m., July 26-30, at the Lake House, 900 Clemson Road. The camp, for ages 11-17, teaches children to use their interests and skills to develop a small business. Call 546-6784 for information.

News and notes

2-307TH WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Michael Angell assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 307th Field Artillery Regiment from Lt. Col. Richard Howard during a ceremony Friday at the 157th Infantry Brigade headquarters building. Angell previously served as the chief of operations for the 157th. Howard will remain with the 157th.



ANGELL

WATERPARK TO OPEN

Palmetto Falls Water Park will open one day earlier than expected. The first day of the season will be Friday. The park will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

USO PRESENTS SESAME STREET SHOW

Two Sesame Street shows are scheduled for 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Friday, at the Solomon Center. The USO-sponsored show is free for military families and their children. Check with Child, Youth and School Services facilities for ticket availability.

ROAD RESURFACING UNDER WAY

Road resurfacing work has begun for Magruder Avenue, Anderson Street and Washington Road. Work is expected to be completed within 30 days. Work on Magruder began at Sumter Avenue and will progress almost to Strom Thurmond Boulevard. Work on Anderson Street and Washington Road will begin at Magruder and progress to Crockett Street. Road work on Dixie Road, which affects Boyden Arbor and Wildcat roads, is also under way. Drivers should expect temporary delays and single-lane blockage during this time.



May 27 — 2 p.m.

Date Night PG-13 88 min.

May 27 — 5 p.m.

The Last Song PG 107 min.

May 28 — 4 p.m.

The Longshots PG 90 min.

May 28 — 6 p.m.

Oceans G 84 min.

May 29 — 4 p.m.

Kick-A** R 117 min.

May 30 — 4 p.m.

Oceans G 84 min.

June 3 — 2 p.m.

Oceans G 84 min.

June 3 — 5 p.m.

Kick-A** R 117 min.

Fort Jackson Reel Time Theater

(803) 751-7488

Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Ticket admission

ADULTS \$4

CHILDREN (12 and younger) \$2

Visit aafes.com for listings

VBS2 adds realism to training

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operations and procedures, as well as how to counter IEDs while on a mission in the SSI's BOLC. The 187th Ord. Bn. AIT Soldiers are just getting started using the program for basic convoy operations training this week.

Capt. Brian Ramirez, commander of Company D, 187th Ord. Bn. said it is a great learning opportunity for the inexperienced Soldiers.

"It's more advanced training than most Soldiers have ever received," Ramirez said. "The Soldiers get the chance to learn how things are supposed to be done, and learn in a safe setting what exactly they did, how things may have gone wrong and how they improve things in the next situation."

The training units are tasked to simulate Humvee platforms where Soldiers are divided into groups of four, role-playing drivers, tank commanders, gunners and passengers. The Soldiers don headsets to communicate with each other and use special keystrokes to maneuver or fire weapons during each exercise. The driver of each virtual vehicle is outfitted with a steering wheel and pedals, recreating the actual feel for driving.

"It's very realistic training," McCartney said. "The system itself has ambient sound and lighting, including the time of day and weather conditions. The weapons systems in the vehicles are mathematically sound; the (computations) that come into play for weapon trajectory, round-kill radius — they're remarkable."

Second Lt. Matthew Alban, a Soldier with the Minnesota National Guard who is attending the Adjutant General BOLC and participated in a virtual convoy operations exercise Tuesday, said once he put his gear on, the realism of the program put him in the mindset that he was conducting a real convoy.

"When you first put the headset on, the only thing you hear is the engine, much like you would in a real Humvee," Alban said. "And when you look at the computer screen, it's like you're actually looking through a windshield and you can imagine yourself driving in this vehicle."

"At first it's almost like you're playing a game," he continued, "but as a convoy commander it became really intense for me because I was looking at a map and at a blue force tracker, which is probably what I would really be doing in a similar situation."

Andre Jackson, lead instructor for the Battle Command



Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ

Pvt. Andrew Parker, Company D, 187th Ordnance Battalion, uses the VBS2 simulator.

Training Facility, said the main difference between VSB2 and some of the commercial, off-the-shelf gaming engines that consumers play at home is that although some VSB2 scenarios may be canned, most are actually built into the system to support a commander's intent.

"We can recreate events in theater almost identical to the actual scenario," Jackson said. "In effect, commanders can call up areas their Soldiers will likely deploy and have them practice driving the exact routes currently at those locations. They can add in things like indirect fire, sniper fire or IEDs. It has endless capabilities. You can apply it to so many things."

The Army offers a VBS2 Lite version of the virtual software, downloadable for Soldiers with CAC cards through Army Knowledge Online. McCartney said that version does not have all the capabilities of the full version, but the Soldiers can use it to become familiar with the training provided at Fort Jackson and throughout the Army.

Kris.Gonzalez1@us.army.mil

Leaders commit to customers, employees

Leader Staff Report

Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, and Dave Harmon, Family and MWR director, will sign a covenant aimed at showing customers that Family and MWR is committed to taking care of customers. The Employee and Customer Covenant will be signed during a 3 p.m. ceremony, June 4 at the NCO Club.

The covenant, an Armywide version of which was signed by Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones, Family and MWR commander Jan. 25, is part of the command's new comprehensive customer service program aimed at creating and sustaining a customer service culture.

"At Family and MWR, we take customer service very seriously. We always strive to offer the best services

and programs to all of our customers — Soldiers, Family Members, retirees and civilians alike," said Theresa O'Hagan, Family and MWR marketing specialist.

"This is just taking it to the next level and putting customer service excellence at the top of the mind for all our employees. The Employee and Customer Covenant signing ceremony is an opportunity to formally recognize those who have been providing excellent service all along and to reaffirm our commitment to customer service excellence."

The ceremony will conclude with an awards ceremony.

Lisa Dula, customer service coordinator for Family and MWR Command, said the revamped customer service program is aimed at enhancing both the customer and employee ex-

perience.

"The (covenant) is actually a promise we're making to customers and employees that we're going to give them everything they need to be successful," she said, adding that this new covenant falls in line with the principles behind the Army Family Covenant. "In order to keep the family member happy, we have to take care of our employees, as well."

Employees will also receive some updated training as part of the Operation Excellence program, which includes professional development, customer service training and team member orientation, which is new.

The program also adds an employee recognition program, which Dula says will reward those employees who go the extra mile for family members and Soldiers.

American flag more than decoration

We shuffled back and forth with over filled boxes, dusty books and heaps of clothes. Looking at our new home, well not-so-new home, my husband heard his “honey-do” list grow inevitably long. My husband chuckled as I placed my flag mailbox cover over our broken mail post and put an American garden flag in the overgrown hedges.

He was not laughing very hard when I asked him to put our flag pole up as soon as possible, despite all of the unpacking yet to do. But, true to form, my husband followed through, and there he was, getting old Mother Glory up and bending the branches of our old trees under it so it could be seen

We went for a walk the first afternoon in our new home. We decided that we should try to see a few faces, and become accustomed to our new neighborhood. We strolled past the solar lit driveways, the football flags, the spring flags, the inevitable state flags. But to my dismay, of the probably 75 homes we passed, I saw only one other American flag and one National Guard flag waving in the breeze over a neighbor’s garage.

One American flag, out of dozens of sports flags and flags of little cute animals. One American flag. In all of this unwavering support for sports and cute animals, does anyone have good old-fashioned pride in America anymore? No matter what your political stance, shouldn’t

COMMENTARY

By PHYLLIS GUILMETTE THOMPSON

Special to the Leader



you always be waving a flag in honor of where you live, where you raise your family, of where you go to watch that football game? The blood of hundreds of thousands of American Soldiers was shed and is still being shed for our right to attend sports games without fear. The least I can do and anyone should do is hang a flag.

Every time I pull in the driveway, no matter how hectic my day, no matter how harried my family life, no matter how annoyed I may be with my loving spouse — I take a deep breath — I see America’s colors waving to me and I remember all I have. I have seen those colors handed, neatly folded, to a weeping mother, a crying spouse, and devastated children. And I’ve never gone a day without looking in awe at all it represents; both sad and proud.

My flag is a beacon of everything that is important to me. It represents the safety and well being of my free family. It honors my friends who have sacrificed their lives, their families, their marriages, and their livelihood so I could sit on my porch with soft drink and play around on my laptop.

It symbolizes to me the hope that one day again America will be a country with no fear of terrorism. That my home city of New York will one day again simply be a safe metropolis of culture — with no fear of bombs. It symbolizes to me the names of Soldiers at the bottom of the local news broadcast at night. The 20-year-old young man who is kicking in doors tonight, hoping he makes it back by Christmas.

It symbolizes the months my spouse spent in a tent watching me through a small webcam and trying to remember what home was like by e-mail. It symbolizes the scores of men and women recovering from chemical warfare, physical and mental disabilities and loneliness.

It symbolizes everything that is important to me: my family’s safety, freedom and health. And I am sorry, but no baseball team, not even my beloved Mets, can take my flag’s place.

Editor’s note: Phyllis Guilmette Thompson is a freelance writer and military spouse who lives in Lexington.

Fort Jackson talks back:

Editor Crystal Lewis Brown asked community members: What are your plans for Memorial Day?



Sgt. Terence Dawson
1st Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment

“My plans are to honor and celebrate the Soldiers who came before us, especially the African American Soldiers who paved the way for us.”



Sara Gutierrez
Family member

“Actually, we’re going to Myrtle Beach this weekend with my parents. We just moved here three weeks ago ... it’s nice, we like the beach.”



Susan Handy
Retiree family member

“I’m actually going to spend it with my family who is coming from different parts of the state (and) country.”



Tim Rabon
Contractor

“Work.”



Robert Whitfield
Retiree

“I’m going to have a memorial service. That’s what we (First and Last Ministries) do every year for Memorial Day; we celebrate our veterans.”



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Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Sgt. Natasha Crutcher
Company A
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Jetterric Hunt

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Lloyd Seigler

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Clayton Morris

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Manuel Canas



Staff Sgt. Stacey Johnson
Company B
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Pierce Wierenga

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Peter Arvedson

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Cody McCarthy

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Jenna Lanza

Upcoming ceremonies

CHANGES OF COMMAND

- 157th Infantry Brigade: Col. Timothy Vuono will relinquish command to Col. David Bushey, 10 a.m., Tuesday, at the Officers' Club.
- 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment: Lt. Col. Alan Deogracias will relinquish command to Lt. Col. John Allen, 9 a.m., June 3, at the Officers' Club.
- 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment: Lt. Col. Daniel Beatty will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Quincy Norman, 9 a.m., June 9, at the Officers' Club.
- Moncrief Army Community Hospital: Col. Nancy Hughes will relinquish command to Col. Ramona Fiorey, 9 a.m., June 15, at MACH.

- USABCToE: Brig. Gen. Bradley May will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. James Milano, 9 a.m., June 16, at the Officers' Club.
- 193rd Infantry Brigade: Col. Brian Prosser will relinquish command to Col. Drew Meyerowich, 9 a.m., June 24, at the Officers' Club.
- Garrison: Col. Lillian Dixon will relinquish command to Col. James Love, 11 a.m., June 25, at Post Headquarters.
- 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception): Lt. Col. Michael Bineham will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael McTigue, 2 p.m., June 25, at the 120th Chapel.

CHANGES OF RESPONSIBILITY

- 165th Infantry Brigade: Command Sgt. Maj. Sean Watson will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight Dooley, 9 a.m., June 7, at Darby Field.
- If any of the information changes, please send updates for changes of command and changes of responsibility to FJLeader@conus.army.mil or call 751-7045. The *Leader* covers changes of command and responsibility for battalion-level or higher organizations only.



GARRETT

The drill sergeant leader of the cycle is Staff Sgt. Brian Garrett. This cycle's Drill Sergeant School honor graduates are Sgt. 1st Class B. Renee Iniguez (honor graduate and physical fitness award) and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Saunders (leadership award).



INIGUEZ



SAUNDERS

Drill Sergeant School honorees

Don't let a heat injury take you out of the fight



- Call 911 at the first sign of heat injury (including mental status change).
- Use ice sheets
- Give the Soldier sips of water
- Monitor him or her at all times.

Emergency numbers:

- Cell phone users: 803-751-9111.
- Alternate 1: Range control via radio.
- Alternate 2: Range control at 751-7171/4732.
- Alternate 3: MP desk at 751-3113/3114/3115.

Never leave the Soldier unattended!

911 & ICE:
At the first sign — every time.



Army Community Service

June calendar of events

Tuesday, June 1

La Leche/breastfeeding support group: 10-11:30 a.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 8
EFMP family night out: 5-7 p.m., Chick-fil-A, 2600 Decker Blvd.

Wednesday, June 2

Newcomers' orientation/re-entry brief: 9-11:30 a.m., Post Conference Room
Play group: 10-11:30 a.m., call 751-6304 for location (every Monday and Wednesday)

Thursday, June 3

AFTB Level II course — "Grow personal skills" (Day 1): 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Family Readiness Center
AER commander's referral training: 9-10:30 a.m., Education Center
Lunch and learn parenting potluck: 10-11:30 a.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 10

Friday, June 4

AFTB Level II course — "Grow personal skills" (Day 2): 8:30 a.m. to noon, Family Readiness Center

Monday, June 7

English as a Second Language class: 9-11:30 a.m., Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222 (every Monday, except holidays)

Tuesday, June 8

FRG leadership training 9-11 a.m., Family Readiness Center
Baby basics (Part 1): 10 a.m. to noon, Joe E. Mann Center, conference room
Lunch and learn: Stress — you can handle it: noon to 1 p.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 10
EFMP support group — respite care: 4-5:30 p.m., Community Center conference room

Wednesday, June 9

Job search strategies: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
How to manage the angry child: 11 a.m. to noon, 5615 Hood St., Room 10

Child abuse awareness class: noon to 2 p.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 10

Phase II LEVY briefing: 2:30-3:30 p.m., Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213

Thursday, June 10

Resume writing and interviewing skills: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
Installation Action Council/AFAP steering committee: 10-11:30 a.m., Post Conference Room

Sunday, June 13

EFMP Palmetto Falls Water Park: 4-7 p.m., Cost \$2.50 (\$3.50 for the food special that includes hot dog, chips and drink)

Tuesday, June 15

Resume writing for teens: 10 a.m. to noon, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
Positive parenting 101: 10 a.m. to noon, Joe E. Mann Center, conference room
Choices — choosing to use anger effectively: noon to 1 p.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 10
EFMP bowling: 4-6 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center (\$1 per game, \$1 shoes)
FRG leadership training 6-7:30 p.m., Family Readiness Center

Wednesday, June 16

Financial readiness for first-termers: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Education Center
SOS fraud and ID theft for survivors: 10-11 a.m., Family Readiness Center

Thursday, June 17

Financial/relocation initial PCS class: 9-10 a.m. Education Center

Friday, June 18

Reintegration/reunion training (spouses): 6-8 p.m., Family Readiness Center

Tuesday, June 22

Steps to federal employment: 10 a.m. to noon, Strom

Thurmond Building, Room 222

Stress management — relaxation exercise: 10-11 a.m., Family Readiness Center

FRG Social (cookout, potluck): 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Family Readiness Center

Baby basics (Part 2): 10 a.m. to noon, Joe E. Mann Center, conference room

Wednesday, June 23

Job search strategies: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

Phase II LEVY briefing: 2:30-3:30 p.m., Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213

Child safety awareness class: noon to 2 p.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 10

Sunday, June 27

EFMP Palmetto Falls Water Park: 4-7 p.m., Cost \$2.50 (\$3.50 for the food special that includes hot dog, chips and drink)

Monday, June 28

Child safety awareness class: 5:30-7:30 p.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 10

Tuesday, June 29

Managing emotions under pressure: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 10

EFMP bowling: 4-6 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center (\$1 per game, \$1 shoes)

Hearts Apart support group: 4-5:30 p.m., Family Readiness Center (date subject to change, call 751-1124)

Wednesday, June 30

Survivor outreach summer potluck: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., call 751-4867 for location



For more information or to register for classes, call 751-5256 or 751-6325.
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HAPPENINGS

Calendar

Today

Tobacco cessation orientation

3-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital conference room
Open to anyone interested in quitting tobacco use. Call 751-5251 for information.

Thursday -Saturday

Book signing

Main PX
Lorie and Anthony Fanning will sign copies of “101 HEALarious Reasons to Stay Married.”

Tuesday

AG Corps membership breakfast

7:15-8:30 a.m., NCO Club
Those who have been awarded the Horatio Gates or AG Achievement Medal are encouraged to wear them. Call 751-8406 for tickets.

Commissary open for business

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 5

Youth Fishing Derby

8-11 a.m., Semmes Lake
Open to children, through age 15. All children must be registered before fishing.

Friday, June 11

AG Corps Hall of Fame induction

9 a.m., Soldier Support Institute
The 2010 Adjutant General’s Corps Regimental Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be followed by the Hall of Honor Ribbon cutting. A reception in the Adjutant General School will immediately follow. RSVP by Tuesday, 751- 8300 or e-mail David.Ratliff@conus.army.mil.

Saturday, June 12

5K Run/Walk and 10K Run

7 a.m., Hilton Field
The Victory Chapter Sergeants Major Association is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run for the Army Birthday and Purple Heart Recipient Day. Games and activities for children and adults, including a mud volleyball tournament, will immediately follow.

Housing events

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.

Monday

Offices closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday

Father’s Day essay contest

Children ages 5-17 can participate in an essay contest through June 16. The topic of the one-page essay is: “What makes your Dad the best Dad in the world?” Essays can be dropped off at the community center or e-mailed to CoWilliams@bbc-grp.com. The contest winner will be announced June 18.

Friday, June 4

National Doughnut Day

10 a.m., community center kitchen
Join in making homemade doughnuts.

Tuesday, June 8

Hero for Habitat

3 p.m.
Visit live animals and learn about their habitats. RSVP required by calling 738-8275 or e-mailing CoWilliams@bbcgrp.com.

Friday, June 11

Water Wars

3 p.m.
Join in a wild day of water wars. For children 7-14. Dress appropriately.

Announcements

THRIFT SHOP UPDATES

The Thrift Shop is now accepting clothes all month. Active duty Soldiers with PCS orders or who are retiring may consign items up to 90 days prior to their departure. Soldiers must have orders or a request for orders.

Donations may left in the yellow donation box behind the Thrift Shop at any time. Look for the Thrift Shop on Facebook for more updates.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

DoDEA has added a new immunization requirement for next school year. All students will be required to have proof of having received two doses of the Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Parents who are unsure whether their currently enrolled students have been given the vaccine can contact the school nurse at 782-1772. Check with the school nurse for those vaccines required for enrolling students.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS APPLICATIONS

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, is accepting applications for the 2010 selection. Candidates must be active duty, have completed 100 free-fall parachute jumps and have a good military and civilian record. Applications are available at <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/goldenknights>. The application deadline is July 31. Selection begins Sept. 7.

CYSS MOBILE REC

Child, Youth and School Services will sponsor a Mobile Rec program from June 14 to Aug. 6. The Mobile Rec, which consists of games, arts and crafts, is 9-11 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the C.C. Pinckney Elementary School cafeteria and playground; and 9-11 a.m., Thursday at Patriot Park. Free lunch will be provided by post schools from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mobile Rec will be closed July 5. Children 6 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

TRANSITION CLASSES

Transition classes are geared toward any Soldier who deployed during OIF/OEF. The class meets 6-7:30 p.m., each Tuesday, in the Moncrief Army

Community Hospital staff conference room. The class is geared toward helping Soldiers transition from life in the combat zone. Call 751-5911 for information.

CIVILIAN TAX WITHHOLDING

Now is a good time for civilian employees to review their tax withholding information. Verify that deductions are being withheld for the correct state and locality taxes. Changes may be made via MyPay. Call 800-538-9043 for information.

HR FOR SUPERVISORS CLASS

A Human Resources for Supervisors class is scheduled from 8 a.m to 4:30 p.m., June 14-18, at the 81st Regional Support Command, 1525 Marion Ave. The course will cover NSPS, legal and regulatory requirements and the human resources process. Priority will be given to employees who have less than two years of experience supervising civilian employees. Civilian and military supervisors are eligible to attend. Apply at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/>.

CPAC VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

The Fort Jackson Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will provide a video teleconference training June 22 for CSRS and FERS retirement classes for civil service employees planning retirement within the next three years. E-mail Janice.Garcia@us.army.mil to enroll.

AG CORPS BALL

Tickets for the Adjutant General’s Corps National Regimental Ball are now on sale. The ball is scheduled for June 11 at the NCO Club. Brig. Gen. E. Eric Porter is the guest speaker. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 p.m. Visit www.agball2010.com for more information or to purchase tickets online.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS

The Mass Transportation Benefits Program provides non-taxable personnel benefits of up to \$230 per month for mass transit commuting costs. Commuter bus is considered a qualified means of transportation. Interested employees must submit a completed and signed Mass Transportation Benefit Program application and a Commuter Expenses Calculation worksheet to the Patti Thornall. Call 751-4392 or e-mail Patti.Thornall@us.army.mil for information.

SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM

Free summer meals will be offered to children younger than 18 from June 14 through July 16 at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School and the Brown Avenue Community Center.

PLAYHOUSE GIVEAWAY

Through June 24, PX shoppers have the opportunity to register to win a children’s playhouse valued at \$165. Shoppers can register in the store.

Visit the community calendar at

www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events. The community calendar is located at the bottom of the Fort Jackson home page.

Off-post events

ARMY BIRTHDAY CONCERT

A 282nd Army Band concert in honor of the Army’s 235th Birthday is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 14, at First Baptist Church, 1306 Hampton St., Columbia. The concert will include a streamer ceremony and cake cutting. Free tickets are available at the Victory Travel office, First Baptist Church and various other local venues.

JAILBREAK 5K

The Lexington County Sheriff’s Foundation’s Fourth Annual Jailbreak 5K is scheduled for 8 a.m., Saturday at the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department. The 1-mile family fun run begins at 8 a.m. The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. Register online at www.strictlyrunning.com. For registration fees or other information, call 785-2421.

AIRBORNE MUSEUM DEDICATION

A dedication for the 173rd Airborne Brigade National Museum is scheduled for 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center in Columbus, Ga. The names of “Sky Soldiers” killed in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan will be etched into the memorial. Visit www.173dairbornememorial.org for information.

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

A veteran’s event is scheduled for 9 a.m., June 5, at Bluff Road Park, 138 Carswell Drive, Columbia. Topics include: disability benefits, homelessness, medical records, grief counseling and compensation. Call 776-8977.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Movies in the Park is scheduled for Jun 18, July 16 and Aug. 20 at North Springs Park. The free event, organized by Awaken Church, is open to the public and features a free movie on a giant screen, free drinks and other refreshments. The event benefits the Harvest Hope Food Bank and A Home in Haiti. Take lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Food donations, including canned food, are also being accepted. Gates to North Springs Park open at 7:30 p.m., and the movie begins at sunset.

Sports shorts

❑ The Fort Jackson Golf Club is hosting a “Get Golf Ready” program throughout the spring and summer. Size is limited to 16 participants per class. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes dates are: June 7, July 8 and Aug. 10. Call 787-4344 or visit www.playgolfamerica.com/ggr.

For information about on-post sports, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.

Registering vehicles in South Carolina

By **CAPT. PATRICK BARRETT**
Legal Assistance Office

With the summer comes a lot of permanent change of station moves, which means a lot of new people arriving at Fort Jackson. One issue that people often forget during a move is vehicle registration. To avoid getting a ticket, it is important to know the South Carolina laws on vehicle registration for military personnel stationed at Fort Jackson.

South Carolina law requires all vehicles remaining in the state for more than 30 days to be registered and licensed in South Carolina. However, there is an exception that affects much of Fort Jackson's personnel. If the person is not a legal resident of South Carolina and his or her vehicle is legally registered and licensed in another state, he or she does not have to register and license the vehicle in South Carolina.

Therefore, if the Soldier is a resident of another state and has a current vehicle registration and license, he or she does not have to register the vehicle in South Carolina.

But what happens when the vehicle registration and license expires? The Soldier must then re-register the vehicle in the state in which it was most recently registered or register the vehicle in South Carolina.

Those who register a vehicle in South Carolina must first pay personal property taxes on the value of the vehicle. However, Soldiers who are stationed in South Carolina and have residency in another state may avoid these taxes.

A Soldier must take a recent Leave and Earnings Statement showing his or her home of record, as well as a copy of orders that show he or she is stationed at Fort Jackson to the county auditor's office. The Soldier will be provided a personal property tax exemption form to take to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The exemption must be applied for each year.

What about purchasing a car in South Carolina? Under South Carolina law, when a vehicle is purchased, sales taxes must be paid on the vehicle. Military members are an exception to this law. Within 10 days from the date of purchase

of the vehicle, the military member can submit a request for a nonresident military tax exemption certificate.

The form must be completed by a commissioned officer in the military member's chain of command. The officer reviews the military member's records and signs under oath that the Soldier is not a South Carolina resident and is in South Carolina on military orders. Then the form must either be returned to the car dealer or directly to the Department of Revenue.

If the 10-day period lapses, then the request will be denied and sales taxes will be assessed. If the request is approved, the Soldier will receive an exemption from the sales taxes.

For more information about registering vehicles or obtaining license plates for the vehicle contact the Department of Motor Vehicles. The South Carolina Department of Revenue can answer questions about taxes or the Legal Assistance Office can assist service members, dependents and retirees.

FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Col. Ronald F. Taylor

Director,

Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III

Provost Sergeant Major

Billy Forrester

Fire Chief



fires that are difficult to extinguish. Regulation requires that barbecue grills only be used outdoors at least 10 feet away from any building or structure.

Furthermore, grills should not be used under shelters or on wood porches. Propane gas tanks must be stored outdoors away from any heat source. Propane gas grills may be stored in a garage after the grill has sufficiently cooled and the propane gas tank has been removed from the grill.

Do not light a gas grill with the top closed and do not allow gas to accumulate in the grill before actuating the igniter. These actions could cause an explosion. Charcoal grills should never be left unattended. Do not use any other flammable liquid other than charcoal lighter fluid to light charcoal.

Do not apply lighter fluid to charcoal that has already been lit. When grilling is complete, thoroughly soak coals with water until they have been completely cooled.

Cookouts are a great way to spend time with friends and family. Keep safety on the front burner to ensure that those cookouts are good memories rather than tragedies.

CASES OF THE WEEK

□ A Soldier was transported to an off-post hospital after a fight with another Soldier turned physical, MPs said. One Soldier, who broke a window during the fight, was treated at the scene and later released to his unit. Both Soldiers suffered lacerations and facial injuries, MPs said. MPs said alcohol was a factor in the fight.

□ A post bar letter was initiated for a civilian who was found with drugs in his vehicle during a gate ramp check, MPs said. MPs found marijuana in the civilian's vehicle. The civilian was cited for possession of a controlled substance. His passenger was not charged.

□ A civilian was arrested for larceny after attempting to leave post with copper from a work site, MPs said. The civilian, who admitted to the offense, was also issued a post bar letter, MPs said.

TIP OF THE WEEK

There are several barbecuing fire safety tips about which the community should be aware. Barbecue grills should be kept clean. Grease that builds up on grills can cause

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Article submissions are due two weeks before publication. For example, an article for the June 10 *Leader* must be submitted by today.

Announcements are due one week before publication. For example, an announcement for the June 10 *Leader* must be submitted by June 3.

The EDGE! programs keep summer boredom in check

“Mom, I’m bored. There’s nothing to do.”

How many mothers have heard that summer after countless summer? This summer, mothers who enroll their children in the EDGE! may hear it a lot less often.

EDGE!, which stands for Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel, is an after school and summer program for children and youth, ages 6-18, offered within Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation partner facilities.

The monthly program packages offer exciting and innovative ways for school age children and youth to spend their time in the afternoons. The difference between EDGE! and SKIES (Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills) is that EDGE! offers finite monthly packages as opposed to SKIES program classes which are ongoing throughout the year.

“The most exciting part of the EDGE! for parents,” said Beverly Metcalfe, MWR Partnerships Specialist, “is that the programs are free for 11-18 year olds.”

School age children, 6-10 years old, pay \$5 per hour and may attend for the entire month or selected weeks during the month.

EDGE! began in July 2009 and has grown significantly throughout the past year. The program is now providing door-to-door transportation for on-post youth to and from each activity location. Please contact Beverly Metcalfe at 751-3053 for information. Parents must fill out a permission slip for their child to be transported. Field trip permission forms can be obtained from Parent Central Services, from the EDGE Director’s office, or, for those enrolling their child on-line, through Webtrac by following the link to the permission form.

Many classes are planned for the summer; programs run June through August.

JUNE

Flower Power — 5-6:30 p.m., Mondays, starting June 7. Joe E. Mann kitchen, 3392 Magruder Ave. Use seasonal flowers and learn to arrange them into beautiful bouquets. For ages 11-18.

Inner Tube Water Polo — 3-5 p.m., Tuesdays, starting June 8, Legion Pool. Learn to play the water polo in an inner tube. For ages 9-15.

Lights! Camera! Action! — 4-6 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays, starting June 8, 5955-D Parker Lane. Learn the tricks of the filmmaking trade, including writing your own screenplay, filming, editing, adding music, and the final product — your own movie. For ages 11-18.

High Adventure — 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays, starting June 9. Meet at 5955-D Parker Lane for transportation to various locations. Rock climb, zip line, paint ball and ropes course your way through EDGE! High Adventure. For ages 10-18.

Twilight Eclipse — 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesdays, starting June 9, Balfour Beatty Community Center. Play Twilight trivia, make cool Twilight jewelry and T-shirts and wrap up with going to see the new Twilight movie “Eclipse.” For ages 11-16.

DIY Room Makeover — 2-4 p.m., Fridays, starting June 11, 5955-D Parker Lane. Use inexpensive materials to make great accessories to give your room a new look. For ages 9-16.

JULY

Blast Off With EDGE! Rockets — 4-6 p.m., Mondays, starting 12 July, 5955-D Parker Lane. Design, build and launch cool rockets made from 2-liter soda bottles. For ages 9-15.

Art Sampler — 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays, starting July 6, crafts room, Solomon Center. A sampler of fun art projects. Explore new materials and create beautiful arts and crafts. For ages 10-15.

Army Family Covenant

By THERESA O’HAGAN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Paddle Your Boat — 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays, starting July 7. Meet for transportation at 5955-D Parker Lane. Learn to canoe and kayak by paddling the waters in Columbia and surrounding areas. For ages 11-18.

Cupcake Crazy — 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, starting July 7, 5955-D Parker Lane. Make (and eat) all sorts of cool cupcakes. For ages 11-18.

Celebrate the Red, White and Blue — 3:30-5 p.m., Thursdays, starting July 1, 5955-D Parker Lane. Show your love for America’s colors with cool crafts like a patriotic baseball hat, flag jewelry, house decorations, etc. For ages 9-15.

All American Desserts — 3-5 p.m., Fridays, starting July 2, 5955-D Parker Lane. Make red, white and blue pie, americake, berries, cream and other patriotic desserts. For ages 9-16.

AUGUST

Bananarama — 3:30-5 p.m., Mondays, starting Aug. 1, 5955-D Parker Lane. Did you know that August 25 is National Banana Split Day? But bananas can be used for lots more than splits. Learn to make banana bread, banana smoothies, banana pudding and top it off with a banana split! For ages 9-15.

Animation Station — 4-6 p.m., Tuesdays, starting Aug. 3, 5955-D Parker Lane. Animation is cool, but how does it happen? Learn about flip books and animation using computer software to create your own animated short film. For ages.

Wet & Wild Wednesday — 3:45-6 p.m., Wednesdays, starting Aug. 4. Meet at 5955-D Parker Lane for transportation to Weston lake. Celebrate the last days of summer by cooling off in the water at Weston Lake. Paddle boat, canoe, kayak, swim and end with a say “good-bye” to summer cookout. For ages 10-16.

Toon Time — 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesdays, starting Aug. 4, 5955-D Parker Lane. Learn from an expert how to draw super cool cartoons. For ages 10-15.

Let ’Er Roll Bowling — 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Aug. 4, Century Lanes bowling center. Learn to Bowl like the pros. Wrap up with a bowling tournament and pizza party. For 8-15 year olds.

Clever Clay Creations — 3:30-5 p.m., Thursdays, starting Aug. 5, 5955-D Parker Lane. What can you make with a hunk of clay? How about jewelry, animals, people, bowls and tons of other cool stuff. For ages 9-15.

Around the World With EDGE! — 3:30-5 p.m., Fridays, starting Aug. 6, 5955-D Parker Lane. Play games, cook dishes, make crafts from different countries and learn to appreciate the varied backgrounds that make up the Fort Jackson community. For ages 8-14.

EDGE! participants must be registered with Child, Youth & School Services. CYSS registration is free to children of military family members, active duty reservists, retirees and civilian employees. You can enroll in EDGE! programs at CYSS Parent Central Services in the Joe E. Mann Center. Middle school students can enroll by calling Beverly Metcalfe at 751-3053. If you have been assigned a username and password, all age groups can register online at [https:// webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Jacksoncym.html](https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Jacksoncym.html). If you do not have a username and password, please contact Parent Central Services at 751-4869/4865/4824 to have one assigned to you.

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- ❑ Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
 - ❑ Magruder’s Pub and Club is open for lunch.
 - ❑ Victory Bingo, 2-11 p.m.
 - ❑ Sleepy story time, 6:30-7 p.m., post library.
- Come in your PJs, and go home ready for bed.

FRIDAY

- ❑ Visit the Officers’ Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Blue Plate Specials.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, starts 2 p.m.
- ❑ Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- ❑ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magruder’s Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder’s Club is located in the back of Magruder’s Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Be early for happy hour, 4:30-7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- ❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the Youth Services Center.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, starts 1 p.m.
- ❑ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the NCO Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ❑ Buy one wing, get one free at Magruder’s Club and Pub.

SUNDAY

- ❑ Victory Bingo, starts 10 a.m.
- ❑ Visit the Officers’ Club, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for Sunday brunch. Coat and tie are not required. Call 751-4906 or 782-8761 for reservations.

WEDNESDAY

- ❑ Visit the Officers’ Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Mongolian BBQ buffet.
- ❑ Get your party on at the NCO Club, 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 for military, \$7 for civilians.
- ❑ Karaoke night with Tom Marable, Magruder’s Pub. Cost is \$3 for military, \$5 for civilians.
- ❑ Victory Readers Club, 6-8 p.m., Post Library
- ❑ Magruder’s Pub and Club happy hour, 4:30-7 p.m.

For a complete calendar of FMWR events, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com.

ONGOING OFFERS

- ❑ The NCO Club breakfast is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.
 - ❑ The Officers’ Club is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is open to everyone.
 - ❑ Child, Youth and School Services provides free child care and youth programming on Saturday for active-duty parents who must work as a mission requirement, including parents who are in the National Guard or Reserve during battle training assembly. Programming is available to other parents at an hourly or daily rate.
 - ❑ Enjoy resort accommodations for between two and six people with the Armed Forces Vacation Club for less than one would pay for some hotels. For details, call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988.
- Be sure to say you are a first-time Armed Forces vacation caller. Fort Jackson’s installation number is 164.



Eye protection vital in preserving vision

By **WAYNE COMBS**

U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)

According to statistics from the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional), the average Soldier who suffers an eye injury is an E3 to E5, 20 to 24-year-old male, who is struck by an object while performing combat duties, participating in sports or doing maintenance, repair or servicing.

Often, the injury occurs while the Soldier is not wearing eye protection. And the Soldier will lose an average of 6.1 workdays at an average cost of \$9,724 because of the injury. Fortunately, many of these injuries are avoidable.

VISION PROTECTION AT WORK

Follow eye safety signs and procedures: Know what to do if a hazardous material splashes into the eye. Know where the nearest eyewash station is and how to use it. Always wear approved eye protection for mechanical, chemical, biological or radiant energy (from such sources as welding, lasers or sunlight) hazards. Make sure eye protection is clean and in good shape.

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According to the American National Standards Institute, the industry code “Z87” must be marked on the side. For training and operational duties, a ballistic standard is required. Military Combat Eye Protection, or MCEP, approved by PEO Soldier and labeled APEL (Approved Protective Eyewear List) significantly exceeds ANSI Z87 standards and meets this requirement.

Contact lenses should not be worn where there is smoke, dust or fumes, or during training or deployments. Eye hazards should be reported to supervisors. If an eye injury occurs, call emergency medical services immediately.

VISION PROTECTION AT HOME

When outside, wear sunglasses that absorb the sun’s harmful ultraviolet rays. Both clear and tinted MCEP



lenses provide UV protection. A broad-brimmed hat also helps protect the eyes.

When working on cars or around the house, be aware of the eye hazards. Mechanical hazards such as rust or flying objects, chemical hazards such as battery acid, and radiant hazards are common in the home shop.

Remember to wear approved eye protection — safety glasses and goggles should have Z87 markings on the side. MCEP exceeds safety glasses standards and can also be worn in the home working environment.

Always wear appropriate, approved eye protection when playing sports. For eye-hazardous sports, wear American Society for Testing and Materials-approved eyewear that contain protective lenses.

Additionally, have an eye exam every two or three years, or sooner as directed. Early detection and correction of eye problems is important. Above all, use common sense — protect your vision.

Editor’s note: Wayne Combs is a community health nurse with the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional).

TRICARE offers counseling services

By **DR. JACK SMITH**

TRICARE Management Activity

On a recent TV commercial for insurance, an actor said, “Life comes at you fast.”

Isn’t that the truth?

We all have a lot to deal with every day — family issues, work, finances and the general busy-ness of life. Stress can affect our moods and how we think, feel and act as we deal with both positive and negative situations in life. Mental Health Month, which is May, is the perfect time for beneficiaries to know that, TRICARE is there to help with life’s stress.

Many people find it difficult to talk about their emotions and mental health. All of us experience some level of stress every day, and everyone feels worried, anxious, sad or stressed out at times. We all have our own techniques and strategies for managing that stress — exercise, sports, hobbies, prayer or meditation to name just a few. However, sometimes stress-related feelings can seem overwhelming or become serious enough to interfere with daily life.

When this occurs, the thoughts and feelings may be more indicative of a problem for which you might want to seek help. Symptoms frequently associated with a need for further evaluation and possible treatment include ongoing problems with sleep, chronic sadness or depression, feelings of helplessness or hopelessness, or thoughts of wanting to harm yourself or others.

For those who may have trouble with stress, depression or other symptoms, help is available. We now know that many of the symptoms associated with depression are related to chemical imbalances in the brain, which usually respond to treatment with medications. However, medication is not always the answer. For many stress-related conditions, brief counseling may be all that is needed to help a person develop and practice better coping skills.

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The most important message is that help is available. If a person is looking for information, he or she can start with www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth to find news articles, self-assessment programs, and behavioral health flyers and brochures.

“A TRICARE Guide: Understanding Behavioral Health” is also available on TRICARE’s Web page at www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth/Downloads.aspx. The TRICARE benefit covers mental and behavioral health care that is medically or psychologically necessary for treatment of a behavioral health disorder.

The Web-based TRICARE Assistance Program, which launched in August 2009, uses evolving telecommunication technologies to bring counseling assistance and behavioral health to active duty service members, spouses and other eligible family members 18 or older. Eligible beneficiaries can link to their regional contractor’s TRIAP site and get more information about the program at www.tricare.mil/TRIAP. A primary care provider can also help provide whatever care a patient may need.

Confidential counseling is also available to active duty members and their families through Military OneSource at www.militaryonesource.com or a person may just want to reach out to a chaplain, pastor or a trusted friend to talk about how he or she is feeling. The message for Mental Health Month is that if you or someone you care about needs help dealing with stress or depression, don’t wait until the situation worsens. Reach out and seek help now.

Editor’s note: Dr. Jack Smith is the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Clinical and Program Policy and Acting Chief Medical Officer for TRICARE Management Activity.

MACH updates

DFAC UPDATE

Renovations at the MACH dining facility are ongoing. Staff and visitors can eat and be served in the dining area. The DFAC is located on the fourth floor.

MACH PATIENT ENROLLMENT

While MACH is currently unable to enroll adult active duty family members, there are open pediatric TRICARE Prime enrollment spaces for active duty families. Other family members may choose from a list of primary care managers who are in the TRICARE Prime civilian network.

OUTPROCESSING PROCEDURES

Soldiers must clear the Department of Behavioral Health, Army Substance Abuse Program, Social Work Services prior to leaving the installation. Outprocessing includes a review of medical records and provides an opportunity for the Soldier to receive behavioral health care at his or her gaining installation. Outprocessing hours are 2-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at MACH Room 10-71 or 10-103. For more information, call 751-2235.

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The MACH Orthopedic Clinic is currently scheduling only active-duty Soldiers for follow-up appointments. For assistance obtaining orthopedic care, call the referral center at 751-2363.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow MACH on Twitter at www.twitter.com/machcsd to receive announcements for same-day appointments.

Become a MACH “fan” by logging into Facebook and searching “Moncrief Army Community Hospital.” The Facebook page provides appointment updates and more.

CHAPEL

God’s foundation ensures two-ton travel

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) MICHAEL KELLY**
120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception)

Many years ago, Billy Graham opened up one of his crusades by telling a funny story about a farmer:

I heard about a man sometime ago who had a watermelon patch, and some young rascals in the community were stealing him blind. So he said, “All right, I’ll get ’em.” So he put up a sign in his watermelon patch that said, “One of these melons is poison.” He went to bed and got up the next morning; and, sure enough, they hadn’t stolen a watermelon. Everything was the same, except the sign had been changed. It now read, “Two of these watermelons is poison.”

The consequences of our deeds will come home to either haunt us or reward us. This is something we all tend to

keep neatly tucked away in the back of our minds.

Occasionally, that realization raises its ugly head, and we stuff it back down. Eventually, all the stuffing in the world cannot hold it at bay. Ultimately our world view will determine how well we deal with the consequences of life. This is true whether the consequences are a result of our own actions or not.

Francis Schaeffer, an American Evangelical Christian theologian, philosopher and pastor, was fond of giving an illustration of a Roman bridge. During the Roman dominance over the known world, the Romans made many small bridges across the various rivers through Europe. Today, these bridges still stand and can support a man or horse and cart as they pass over them.

But if you drove a two-ton truck over them, they would break. Why? Because the bridge’s foundation is not suffi-

cient for the strain. If we fail to establish a solid foundation in our lives, in our world view, then it is only a matter of time and pressure — and not a great deal of pressure — before we break under the strain.

What is the solution for a solid foundation to endure future consequences? It’s not intelligence. Some of the most intelligent people in the world are in prison. They have intelligence without understanding.

Many Soldiers coming into the Army have the intelligence or knowledge of how to operate a rifle but have no understanding of how to employ it in combat.

To ensure a sure foundation, scripture says in Job 28:28, “*And unto man he said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.’*”

So ask yourself this question in conclusion, “Am I a Roman bridge?”



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel) service at the Post Theater
9 a.m. Task Force Marshall Chapel, McCrady Training Center
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
9:30 a.m. Solomon Center (Hispanic)
9:40 a.m. Moncrief Army Community Hospital
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
6 p.m. Prayer Service Magruder Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday
7 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (PWOC — Main

- Post Chapel, Class 209)
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week prayer/Bible study Magruder Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation’s Youth (Magruder Chapel)
 - Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon Women’s Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
 - Saturday
8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Saturday
11 a.m. Magruder Chapel (third Saturday)
- Sunday
5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

CATHOLIC

- Monday-Thursday
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
8 p.m. Task Force Marshall Chapel, McCrady Training Center
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

JEWISH

- Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday

11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050